

Fort Carson DENTAC NEWS AND VIEWS

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2001



COMMANDER'S CORNER

This is the time of year when friends and family come together to celebrate the holiday season. It is normally a time to relax and enjoy the fruits of a very busy year. Many things have happened since the publication of our first newsletter, most notably the events of September 11th and the increased activity resulting from our support of the campaign against terrorism. I want to express my appreciation for the unwavering support that all of you have given the DENTAC as we work together to accomplish the ever growing mobilization mission.

I have asked a lot of you these past few months. I am proud to say that, to a person, this DENTAC has pulled together to support our part in doing the nation's bidding.

There will be more to come in 2002 and I hope that we can use the time from this holiday season to recharge our batteries and prepare for what the future holds.

I have had a great time seeing everyone over the holiday season as we enjoyed both a great DENTAC event as well as our individual clinic parties. I want to thank our reformed social committee under the able leadership of Linda Pressey for another superb Holiday Party. Well Done! I certainly appreciated coming and sharing in your individual clinic parties - this DENTAC knows how to have a good time!

Headquarters has undergone some changes this quarter, notably saying farewell to SFC David McKenzie and Ms. Wanda Kuznar. They will both be missed and we wish them all the best as they go one to other areas. Wanda is joining her family in Ohio and Top is going off to Louisiana to put some of his exuberance into the Fort Polk DENTAC as First Sergeant.

Fortunately, what the army takes away, it also gives back. I would like to welcome Master Sergeant Exerline Drumm to our DENTAC family as our new First

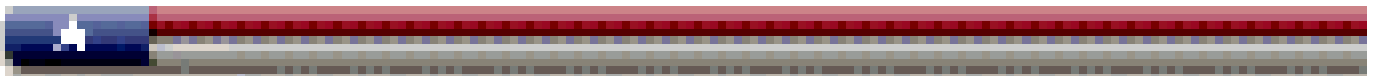
Sergeant. She comes to us from Germany with a wealth of experience where she served as First Sergeant of the 464th Med Co. MSG Drumm is an outstanding NCO leader and a great addition to our new DENTAC Command Team. Welcome!

DENTAC HQs will move soon after the holidays into our newly renovated building (# 815) on the corner of O'Connell and Wetzel Streets. Once we are in and settled, there will be an open house for everyone to come and view the new surroundings. Dedication ceremony will follow when we get a date set.

I want everyone to think safety during the holiday season. Historically, this time of year sees a large number of fatalities and injuries, both on the road and close to home. Very often, alcohol and/or winter weather play a large part in these tragedies. No drinking and driving please and watch out for cold weather incidents as well as home safety.

Monika and I want to wish each and every one a very Happy Holiday Season as well as a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Colonel McGowan





**Company Commander
Executive Officer**

Happy Holidays DENTAC! It has been an eventful quarter with all that is happening in the world. Since the events of September 11th, I have been very proud of the great dedication that our personnel have shown in mobilizing the force. The DENTAC has received numerous positive comments from higher headquarters, you can all be proud to be a part of this great organization.

The DENTAC newsletter is now being published on a quarterly basis. Publication dates are as follows: beginning of September, December, March, and June. Please feel free to contact your Clinic representative if you would like something published in the newsletter. We are interested in what is going on in your arena. POC's are as follows.

SMITH: SGT Sanjay Nand

HOSPITAL: Ms. Bresnahan

DC1: SSG Cameron

LARSON: SPC Sandoval

HQ: Sally White

Due to the events of September 11th, the first annual babies,

tots, and children trade day was cancelled. As most of you are aware, we have recently lost two very special individuals from HQ. Wanda and 1SG MAC, we will miss you both, good luck and God Bless!

Iwould also like to welcome MSG Drumm, our new 1SG.

CPT WILLIAM TUDOR

FIRST SERGEANT'S CORNER

Iam pleased to have the opportunity to address everyone in the DENTAC Newsletter. First and foremost let me say how happy I am to be part of the DENTAC family. I am looking forward to meeting and working with all of you. I was told that the Fort Carson DENTAC has great people. I have always been told that great organizations attract the best people and by attracting the best we as an organization will

accomplish great deeds.

Ihope to learn a lot from all of you and hopefully you will learn from me. I like to surround myself with people who take their job seriously, "professionals", those who work hard and also those who can have fun at the same time.

The Holidays are upon us and I want to wish all of you and your families the best of wishes for the Holidays. I hope to see all of you at the unit's Holiday Party. I also like to say farewell to SFC McKenzie and wish him well at Ft. Polk. I know he will be missed.

MSG Exerline M. Drumm



LARSON DENTAL CLINIC

The staff of Larson Dental Clinic would like to wish all DENTAC personnel and their families a safe and Happy Holiday. Larson Clinic will be having their annual Christmas party on 12 December at 1300. If anyone would like to attend, please bring a favorite dish to share with all. As a recent graduate of the X2 course, Specialist Sandoval has been hard at work putting her new skills to use. Good luck to SPC Nieves and SPC Enyart who are attending PLDC at Ft. Hood, Texas. Welcome 1SG Drumm, we look forward to your leadership and mentorship.

BIRTHDAYS

DEC: TRISH WIBERG 14TH

FEB: SGT ELLIOTT 24TH

HAILS

CPT BRONES

CPT VAUGHAN

PFC WILSON (MPT 10th CSH)

CPT HERRING

SPC WHITFIELD

FAREWELLS

SGT CARTER (KOREA)

SPC JOHNSON (HOSPITAL)

The DC#1 Corner

“A DC#1 Colorado welcome” to the following:

Ms Darlene Atkins: Ms. Atkins is no stranger to the DENTAC. She retired from the Fort Carson DENTAC in May 98. Ms. Atkins has a son named Daryl who is currently serving in the United States Air Force, and a ten-year old daughter named LaResha. Originally from Los Angeles, CA, Ms. Atkins has decided to make Colorado Springs her retirement home.

Mrs. Shavonda Marco: Mrs. Marco is joining us with her family from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Mrs. Maro’s husband is military and is presently in BNCOC at Ft. Lee Virginia. The Marcos have two beautiful girls, Cydney (5) and Courtney (3). If you are in the clinic and want to meet Mrs. Marco she can be easily identified. She is the one dressed like an “eskimo.” We welcome Mrs. Marco’s office automation skills.

Mrs. Dena Shaheen: Mrs. Shaheen is also joining us with her family from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. She has taken on the awesome responsibility of Oral Health Fitness Monitor for 3rd ACR and 3rd BDE. Mrs. Shaheen’s husband Jamile is military, and they have two beautiful children, Ellyce (10) and Jamile Jr. (6). Mrs. Shaheen says “she loves the beautiful mountains and is happy to be in snowy Colorado.”

Dr. Cory Foster: Dr. Foster is joining DC#1 as a recent graduate from The University of Nebraska School of Dentistry. Originally from Lincoln Nebraska, Dr. Foster is a devout “Husker” fan. Dr. Foster enjoys mountain biking and the beautiful Colorado climate. His future goals are to someday go into private practice and to own a couple of “ Clydesdale” horses.

CPT Ronald Prenzel: Dr. Prenzel is joining us from Camp Red Cloud, Korea. Relatively new to the Army, Dr. Prenzel has little over a year on active duty. Originally from St. Louis Missouri, he loves ice hockey and his favorite team, of course, is the “Blues.” His future goals are to pursue an Army residency in General Dentistry or Oral Surgery.

Mr. Terry McDonald: Mr. McDonald is retired Army and has been out of the uniform just over a year. He brings with him twenty years of logistical experience. Mr. McDonald is originally from Laurel, Mississippi. His family includes his wife Melody, son Brandon

(18), and Desmond (10). He enjoys cooking, bowling, and playing basketball with his two sons.

Mrs. Myrtle Davis: Mrs. Davis has lived in Colorado for five years. Her husband is retired, and they have chosen to make their “nest” here in the beautiful Rocky Mountains. Mrs. Davis is originally from Liverpool, England. The Davis’ have a 13 year-old son named Sean. Two of Myrtle’s favorite things to do are going to the gym and cooking.

CPT Steve Klasson: CPT Klasson joins the DC#1 family for a short while as a reservist. Originally from Augusta, Maine, he is well acquainted with the military, having spent ten years on active duty. He is also a graduate of Boston University School of Dentistry.

“So Long” and Best Wishes to the Following:

SPC Cheryl Clifton: Departing for Ft. Richardson, Alaska in Jan 02.

SGT Martha Morton: Departing for Ft. Benning, Ga. in Feb 02.

SSG Deborah Cameron: Departing for Ft, Gordon Ga. in March 02.

Clinic Achievements:

Tracking Hard and Fast: Congratulations to SGT Morton who made the Oct. cut-off scores. She is also a recent PLDC graduate. SGT Morton says, “PLDC was challenging but fun.”

DC#1 also has another “go getter”. SPC Clifton appeared before the promotion board on Oct. 11 and received a perfect score. Displaying much confidence in herself, she also appeared before the Soldier of the Quarter Board for Oct. and was victorious. Rock Steady DC#1!

The clinic would also like to congratulate Roger Schmidt (clinic X-ray tech/sterilization tech). Mr Schmidt is part of the original staff of DC#1 from 1982. He will be celebrating his twenty-year clinic anniversary in Jan 2002. Thanks for your hard work and many years of dedication Mr. Schmidt!

Dr. Arnheiter Reflects on Recent Deployment

Dr Arnheiter recently deployed to Egypt this past Oct. with Medical Troop 3rd ACR. He shared these thoughts with us:

“We are so blessed to be living in the United States. Deployments to Egypt, Bosnia, Saudi Arabia, and Iraq have reminded me of how good we Americans have it relative to freedom and wealth. While we may at

times feel that we are not financially well off, a trip to one of these impoverished countries is enough to make one realize that even a Private in the U.S. Army is financially rich compared to most of the world's population. The average income in Egypt is \$400/month per family. God has truly blessed this country richly. Count your blessings as we enter the holiday season and remember those less fortunate. He is the reason for the season!"

"Happy Birthday to ya!"

Ms. Lois Sparks: Nov 27
Dr. Corey Foster: Dec 10
Ms. Sue Truitt: Dec 26
Dr. Ronald Prenzel: Jan 18
Ms. Tawnya Martin: Jan 24
Mrs. Shavonda Marco: Feb 11
Mrs. Dena Shaheen: Feb 20

The staff of DC#1 would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Holiday Season!

ORAL SURGERY CLINIC

SPC Barris is currently on orders for Italy and is expected to depart DENTAC mid to late March 2002. We wish him the best of luck in his new assignment. The clinic will publish and circulate a flier for his farewell luncheon. We would like to welcome SPC Johnson to the Oral Surgery Clinic and say farewell to SPC Whitfield, who has been assigned to Larson Dental Clinic. Dr. Stettler is recovering very well from his surgery. We would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays.

SMITH DENTAL CLINIC NOTES

Smith Dental Clinic welcomes Dawn Helsel, who joins us from Larson; we also welcome SPC Morales. We are saying farewell to Tawnya Martin. Smith DC will be having its holiday party on 6 Dec. at 1200 hours. Smith Dental Clinic would like to wish all of DENTAC Happy Holidays!

Clinic Birthdays this quarter:
October-John McDonald, COL Meyer
November-Merrissere McCutchen
December-Linda Pressey, Annette Robinson, Debora Kraus

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Happy Holidays from the Social Committee! Looking for a last minute gift for someone? Don't forget we still have DENTAC cookbooks for only \$6.00. See your social committee rep for orders. See you at the Christmas Party on 13 December 2001. Don't forget the unofficial after party at Maxi's.

SPECIAL THANKS!

The DENTAC would like to thank the Junior Enlisted Council for their thoughtfulness this past Thanksgiving. The JEC funded the "Thanksgiving Basket Project" with money raised by various fundraisers throughout the year. It is always a joy to see people helping others. The turkeys for the baskets were purchased at a discounted rate at King Sooper's. The DENTAC extends a very special "Thank You" to King Sooper's for their generosity.